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LETTER DATED 27 JUNE 1997 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to notify you of continued violations of the ceasefire resolution and the Tehran agreement concerning the area of separation between Iraq and Iran that were committed by the Iranian side between 27 February 1997 and 15 June 1997, as shown in the list annexed hereto.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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Annex

Iranian violations of the ceasefire and the 1991 Tehran agreement between 27 February and 15 June 1997

1. 27 February 1997

Armed individuals arrested two Iraqi citizens, Yasir Maftan Dalil and Ali Zaman Sayyid, in the Kalal Badrah basin while they were engaged in fishing in that area. The next day, they were released after being interrogated by the Iranian authorities.

2. 1 March 1997

A group of Iranians kidnapped two Iraqi citizens, Isma'il Ali Yasin al-Nadawa and Mahsan Ali Yasir al-Nadawa, who were tending sheep close to the Khalah 31 oil well which is within 500 metres of the Iranian side.

3. 7 March 1997

An Iranian patrol arrested five Iraqi citizens, Hamid Aydan Faz' al-Isda, Mun'im Sa'dun Safi, Qasim Ramadan Safi al-Isda, Muhammad Sa'dun Safi and Riyad Sa'id, while they were searching for a relative of theirs named Mazhar Sa'dun Safi who had been drowned while fishing in the Gulf area, and escorted them to the Iranian side.

4. 7 April 1997

At 1700 hours an Iranian unit consisting of two Iranian boats with military personnel on board armed with light weapons (rifles) opened fire on an Iraqi fishing boat carrying three Iraqi civilians, and escorted them to the Iranian shore at Abadan after the engine of the Iraqi boat had broken down opposite the Saybah area at coordinates 351576 (1:100,000 map of Saybah). At 1800 hours on the same day the Iraqi boat and its crew were released.

5. 22 April 1997

At 2200 hours a red Iranian fibreglass boat carrying civilians with Kalashnikov rifles hijacked an Iraqi fishing boat at coordinates 518310 (1:100,000 map of Saybah) and accompanied it to an Iranian military post at coordinates 568310. The Iraqi boat had on board Iraqi fishermen Walid Khidir Mansur Shahid, Kazim Bakhari and Ra'id Musa Khayat.

6. 7 May 1997

At 1600 hours photographs were taken from a fibreglass Iranian patrol boat with a 48-horsepower Yamaha engine, with two civilians on board, of the oil platforms at Faw, at coordinates 3572150 (1:100,000 map of Faw).

7. 19 May 1997

At 2100 hours the Iranian side fired intermittently using tracer ammunition in the direction of the West Bank of Shatt al-Arab in the area of Faw. The firing continued until 0030 hours on 20 May 1997.

8. 23 May 1997

At 1000 hours an Iranian patrol in Shatt al-Arab kidnapped two Iraqi citizens, Najm Abdullah Ghalib and Jasim Abd Ali, who were fishing close to the sea area in Faw province at coordinates 513401 (1:100,000 map of Faw).

9. 23 May 1997

At 1150 hours the Iranian side laid mines at coordinates 9188 (1:100,000 map of Bubiyan) at the crossing point between the Iraqi and the Iranian barriers in an area which, at the Iranian barrier, was approximately 6 metres wide and 36 metres long.

10. 25 May 1997

At 1500 hours two small Iranian fibreglass boats, one of them white and the other grey, each carrying three civilians and a radio, manoeuvred at a distance of approximately 500 metres from Mina' al-Bakr for a period of 15 minutes, and then withdrew in the direction of the Iranian shore.

11. 25 May 1997

At 1850 hours two small grey fibreglass Iranian patrol boats, each with a single machine-gun in the bow and carrying four people, fired in the direction of a coastguard vessel close to Mina' al-Bakr.

12. 25 May 1997

At 0500 hours a blue Iranian fibreglass boat with two Yamaha engines with three armed soldiers on board carrying Kalashnikov rifles kidnapped two fishermen named Abd al-Amir Abd al-Din and Majid Khalil Ibrahim and their boat in Shatt al-Arab at coordinates 66213 and escorted them to the Iranian shore. At 1600 hours on 29 May 1997 the Iranian side released them and their boat.

13. 29 May 1997

At 2200 hours an Iranian patrol in Shatt al-Arab arrested two Iraqi fishermen, Abd al-Husein Ja'far Ali Khalaf and Majid Salih Muhammad Sharbaf, while they were fishing north of Faw near the al-Raka'iz bridge at coordinates 6017 (1:100,000 map of Mina' al-Bakr) and escorted them in their boat to the Iranian side. At 1900 hours on 9 June 1997 the Iranian side released them.

14. 11 June 1997

At 0910 hours a Khaki helicopter coming from the Iranian hinterland towards the Iranian cemetery at coordinates 9080 at Kut Sawadi flew towards the Iranian

guard post at al-Shalamijah and then towards al-Kharnubiyyah. Then it returned towards the town of al-Mahmarah at a height of 200 metres and at a distance of 1 kilometre inside the Iranian frontier.

15. 11 June 1997

At 1200 hours another Khaki helicopter was observed coming from the Iranian hinterland in the direction of the same cemetery parallel to the Iranian barrier then went towards the Zayd guard post. It was at an altitude of 400 metres and at a distance of 500 metres from the frontier barrier. It then returned to the Iranian hinterland.

16. 15 June 1997

At 0900 hours a white fixed-wing aircraft with a red tail bearing the Iranian flag came from the Iranian hinterland at an altitude of 1,000 metres and crossed the Iraqi frontier from the direction of the al-Shalamijah guard post at coordinates 900773 at a distance of 3 kilometres. It then turned and flew towards the Iranian hinterland and then returned and crossed the border again at the same point circling twice over our sectors. It then flew off towards the Iranian hinterland.